

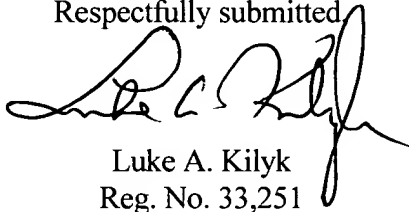
Amendment After Final Rejection
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/181,926

REMARKS

The amendment to the specification is editorial in nature and no new matter has been added. The correct reference number is cited on page 11, line 22. Prompt and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

[WO 98/22898] WO 98/22989 describes a polymeric membrane containing polystyrene sulfonic acid and poly(vinylidene fluoride), which provides reduced methanol crossover in direct methanol fuel cell (DMFC) use. However, the polymer blending process described does not provide an acceptable blend and the sulfonation steps are complicated.

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